

MILITARY CHILD CARE

Chapter 88 of Title 10, United States Code (as added by section 568 of the National Defense Authorization Act for 1996, which codified the Military Child Care Act of 1989) requires DoD to prescribe uniform fee regulations for Military Child Development Centers. Fees are to be based on total family income and apply to all children attending a Military Child Development Center. The fee ranges for the 1998/1999 school year (effective with the commencement of the school year) are as follows:

FEE RANGES FOR THE 1998/1999 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>CATEGORY RANGE</u>	<u>TOTAL ^{1/} FAMILY INCOME</u>	<u>RANGE OF WEEKLY FEES AUTHORIZED PER CHILD ^{2/}</u>	<u>OPTIONAL ^{3/} HIGH COST</u>
I	\$0 - \$23,000	\$38-51	\$43-54
II	23,001 - 34,000	48-62	53-66
III	34,001 - 44,000	59-74	65-79
IV	44,001 - 55,000	72-84	78-90
V	55,001 - +	86-97	89-101

Notes:

1/ The Child Development Center should review DD Form 2652 to verify total family income (TFI). Military income includes Base Pay, Basic Allowances for Quarters and Basic Allowance for Subsistence. The most recent copy of the spouse's W-2 or a leave and earnings statement should be used to verify income for nonmilitary personnel. Due to a recent change in military compensation policy, Minimum Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) will be used in place of the former Basic Allowance for Quarters in computing TFI. Minimum BAH is not available on the Service Member's LES, but DoD Military Personnel Policy/Compensation will publish an annual chart of Minimum BAH. In order to calculate TFI, the Service member's Minimum BAH will be determined by the chart.

2/ Installations may authorize up to a 20 percent reduction of fees charged for each additional child from the same family.

3/ The optional high cost range may be used where it is necessary to pay higher wages in order to compete in the local labor market.